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Dear Mr. Acosta:

Reference is made to your May 20, 2014 letter in which you request a three year extension of EPA's 103 concurrence for the San Juan Federal Navigation Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Project. This extension was to ensure that the San Juan Harbor, PR Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (SJS) is available for use to manage dredged materials in the event that emergency dredging of the channel is needed before the sampling and testing that is scheduled for Spring 2015 can be completed.

We have reviewed the spill history and other information that accompanied your letter in support of your request and agree to conditionally authorize dredged material disposal for the referenced project at the SJS for two years from the expiration date of the existing concurrence (i.e., until August 14, 2016) to allow for dredging that might arise due to emergency conditions (e.g., hurricanes) during that period. This concurrence extension, however, should not be exercised for routine maintenance dredging cycles.

We look forward to working with you to coordinate the sampling and testing of dredged materials from this project area to determine their suitability for ocean disposal at the San Juan Harbor, PR Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact me at (212) 637-3799.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Reiss".

Mark Reiss
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